

NEW HAVEN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

City Hall

September 15 @ 6PM

Present Were: Jeff Rogers, Mike Morris, Jane Masse, Chris Cecil, Nicole Pinkston, Tessie Cecil, Fred DeWitt, K.C. Holbert, Scottie Metcalf, Kay Inman, Tim Bartley, Kacie Emerson, Don Cecil, Charles Lemons and Joanie Corbin

The **meeting was called to order at 6:00**. The pledge to the flag was recited.

Welcome Guest

New Business

Don Cecil asked for permission to host a **“Hay Ride”** fundraiser for the Veterans Center/Community Development Committee/Enhancement Team sometime in October or November. Nicole made a motion to allow Don to proceed with the hay ride. Chris seconded the motion.

Don Cecil stated that he opposed the **property tax increase**. The board explained to him that his real estate tax rate would not be increasing and was staying the exact same as last year.

Don Cecil suggested that the board consider implementing an **occupational tax** for the City of New Haven. No action was taken.

Old Business

Kay Inman gave the commission an update on the **Zombie Walk** on Saturday, October 15.

- 30 to 40 people signed up
- 2 actors from “The Walking Dead” will be attending the walk

Consensus of the board was to allow Kay to use Barry Hall on the night of the event.

Jane reported the following information about the **Community Development Committee**.

- 11 Historical Signs have been erected. 20 more will be installed in the near future.
- 2 Advertising Signs have been installed on the Big Blue Building.
- 15 “Merry Christmas” banners have been ordered.

Fire Department

Fred reported the anchor bolts for the **tower** still have not been delivered.

Fred also reported that he received a complaint about the **burnout event** that was hosted by Long Branch Saloon. The complaint was about the noise and the smoke.

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Police Department

K.C. asked the board for permission to contact the state about painting traffic lines on the corner of Main/Center. The board agreed that contact needed to be made.

General Administration

A motion was made by Chris to approve the **Minutes of August 18, 2016 Meeting**. The motion was seconded by Jane. All voted in favor.

The **August Financials and July Bills** were approved with a motion by Chris and a second by Mike. All voted in favor. Copies are attached.

The 2nd reading of **Tax Rate Ordinance 459 – Series 2016** was read and approved with a motion by Nicole and a second by Jane. All voted in favor.

Roll Call – Mike – yes

Chris – yes

Jeff – yes

Jane – yes

Nicole – yes

The 2nd reading of **Ordinance 460 – Series 2016 (B-5 Amendments)** was read and approved with a motion by Jane and a second by Chris. All voted in favor.

Roll Call – Mike – yes

Chris – yes

Jeff – yes

Jane – yes

Nicole – yes

Chris stated that the **Holly tree** in front of City Hall will not be taken down.

The **flag pole at the City Park** has been reinstalled. Tessie will see if she can locate information on the man that the flag pole was originally dedicated to.

Christmas Parade

A short discussion took place about the annual Christmas parade. An update will be provided during the October meeting.

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Water and Sewer Department

Jane reported that the 8 easements for the **Sewer Project** should have been obtained by HMB and LTADD. She has contacted them both and they will be meeting with the property owners to discuss the easements.

Jane stated that she made an error in her motion to hire **Scottie Metcalf** back in February 2016. She neglected to make it clear that Scottie was being hired to become a certified operator. Along with the certification, a pay increase would be given. The board members and mayor agreed that they were all under the same assumption. Jane made a motion for Scottie to continue his certification process and when completed, he would receive a rate increase. Chris seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Street Department

No update.

Recreation

No update.

Veterans/Historical Center

Tessie informed the board that she will be hosting the **2nd Youth Leadership Meeting** on Wednesday, September 21 from 1PM to 3PM. She has 25 participants. Cundiff's Heating and Cooling sponsored the group and purchased their shirts.

Tessie is in the planning stages of the **Veterans Day Ceremony**. Lincoln Trail Gun Club will sponsor the meal again this year.

Tessie thanked Jane for **painting** the rooms in the Veterans' building.

Nicole made a motion to **adjourn** the meeting at 7:14. Jane seconded the motion.

Mayor

Clerk

